

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No. 34976/238448

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APPARATUS FOR HANDLING AND PACKAGING FRIABLE TABLETS,

the Specification and Preliminary Amendment of which

are attached hereto

OR

was filed on December 27, 2001 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number 10/034,436 and was amended on December 27, 2001 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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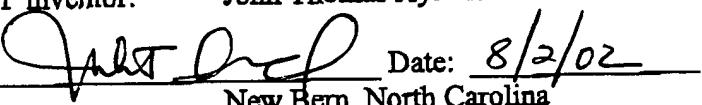
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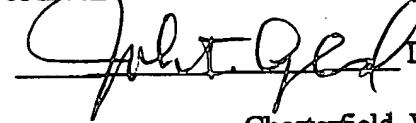
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